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SUBJECT: NAC MAY 2: DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING SEMINAR

SUMMARY: AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD NATO- SPONSORED DUAL PURPOSE PLANNING SEMINAR USING NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MONEY, NAC, ON INSISTENCE OF DUTCH DELEGATION, DEFERRED FINAL DECISION PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER DETAILS OF AIMS AND POSSIBLE RESULTS OF SEMINAR TO BE PREPARED BY ASG RANDERS WITH HELP OF NATIONAL EXPERTS. END SUMMARY.

1. DUTCH PERM REP (SPIERENBERG) STATED THAT DUTCH AUTHORITIES HAD ASKED THAT THIS MATTER BE DISCUSSED IN COUNCIL BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO APPROVE THE FUNDING OF PROPOSED SEMINAR WITH SCIENCE COMMITTEE MONEY UNTIL THEY WERE SATISFIED THAT SEMINAR WAS WORTHWILE ENDEAVOR. AT PRESENT TIME, HE SAID GON WAS UNFAVORABLE TO IDEA OF SUCH SEMINAR. HOWEVER, HE ASKED THAT FURTHER INFORMATION BE PROVIDED ON THE PURPOSES AND POSSIBLE RESULTS OF SUCH SEMINAR. IF OTHER DELEGATIONS WERE STRONGLY IN FAVOR, HE NOTED
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THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT OPPOSE. BELGIAN, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND UK PERM REPS ALL EXPRESSED DOUBTS OVER USEFULNESS OF SEMINAR AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED.

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2. US (RUMSFELD) STATED THAT US APPROVED THE IDEA BEHIND THE SEMINAR AND BELIEVED IT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH DUAL- PURPOSE PLANNING EFFORTS ARE DIFFICULT AND RESULTS ARE ELUSIVE. CANADIAN, DANISH, NORWEGIAN AND TURKISH PERM REPS ALSO SUPPORTED SEMINAR IDEA.

3. IN SEEKING TO EXPLAIN SEMINAR, ASG FOR SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS RANDERS STRESSED THAT RATIONALE BEHIND SEMINAR WAS TO SEEK POSSIBLE NEW IDEAS FOR BETTER UTILIZATION OF NATIONAL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL TO SERVE MORE EFFECTIVELY BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH FUNDS WOULD COME FROM SCIENCE COMMITTEE RESOURCES RANDERS HOPED THAT THE SEMINAR WOULD ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM BEST QUALIFIED AND INDEPENDENT THINKING FROM ALL ALLIED COUNTRIES. AS RESULTS OF SUCH SEMINAR HE NOTED WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF COUNCIL. IN CONCLUSION, RANDEERS WAS ASKED TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH INTERESTED NATIONAL EXPERTS AND PRESENT SUBSEQUENTLY MORE DETAILED REPORT FOR NAC RECONSIDERATION.
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